

## SECOND CONVENTION DAY BRINGS MORE DELEGATES

PROMINENT SPEAKERS ADDRESS  
CONVENTION MORNING AND EVE

THE ATTENDANCE HAS BEEN CUT CONSIDERABLY ON ACCOUNT OF THE VERY BUSY TIMES AMONG THE PLAINS FARMERS WHO ARE IN THE WHEAT FIELDS TRYING TO GET THE CROP HARVESTED BEFORE RAIN COMES AND DESTROYS IT.

The second day of the Farmers Union Convention brought an increased number of delegates and speakers for the Convention. One speaker stated he had just finished a seven hundred mile trip in order to reach Lubbock yesterday afternoon on the one forty five train.

The convention went into session this morning at ten o'clock, with only members of the Union being admitted.

O. F. Dornblaser, of Cleburne, who is National Lecturer for Iowa, was the first speaker on the program, being slated for ten o'clock. He is a very able speaker, and has had many years experience in the work of the Union. He is more than eighty years old, according to the introductory remarks of the President when this gentleman arrived yesterday afternoon, and was introduced to the Convention.

F. I. Townsend, President of the Wichita Valley District Union, who spoke yesterday in response to the welcome address, was heard by the Union members this morning at 11 o'clock, during which time he discussed the Marketing plans at length and much to the benefit of the Union members. Mr. Townsend is well known in this section, having been instrumental in aiding many of the farmers in this section to dispose of their cotton last year at a price considerably above the price offered them on the local market, and he has addressed the farmers on a number of different occasions, and his address this morning was none the less interesting than his former speeches, and was greatly appreciated by the Union members, who heard him.

The convention adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

**Afternoon Session.**  
While the various committees are hard at work on their reports the balance of the Union members were enjoying good speaking and getting some valuable pointers to carry back home with them to their local unions. The first speaker in the afternoon was Hon. A. C. Davis, National Secretary of the Union. Mr. Davis' home is in Gavitt, Arkansas, and he is one of the leading Farmers Union men in the United States. His address was full of good for the farmers and the cause of the Farmers' Union.

Mr. Davis is an enthusiastic speaker, and full of his subject, and one cannot hear him without becoming interested in the work that he is doing.

Following Mr. Davis, Hon. E. F. Shropshire, manager of the Cotton Division Texas Farm Bureau Federation and American Cotton Association, addressed the Convention, and brought a great message to his hearers on conditions of the market and the work of his department.

This address closed the session of the Convention for the day, and the members were taken for an auto drive through the rural districts, to see more of the Lubbock County crops and farms, and we are sure this part of the program was enjoyed about as much as any.

Tonight at 8 o'clock, there will be a meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Farmers Exchange.

The Convention will meet tomorrow morning at ten o'clock to finish up the work of the Convention for the year.

During tomorrow the election of officers will be held and the executive board will be named.

President D. E. Lyday, who is presiding over the Convention, is rounding out his fourth year as the head of the organization in this State, and from all indications, if he is not elected Governor of Texas, as was indicated in some of the speeches yesterday, he is likely to hold the important office that he now has for some time to come, as he seems to fit admirably into the office and is doing a wonderful work for the cause of the farmers of this State as well as throughout the bounds of the Farmers' Union. Mr. A. L. Baker, of Houston, seems also well suited to his job as Secretary of the organization, and it would be hard to get another man who is so well informed on matters pertaining to the order, and he too, has been holding office for four years, with almost a cinch for re-election tomorrow.

These two gentlemen are editors of the Farmers Union Messenger, the Farmers' Union paper published at Houston, Texas, and have shown the Avalanche many courtesies while here that has enabled us to give a good account of the Convention.

## UNION NOTES.

President Lyday read his annual report to the Convention Monday afternoon which showed real progress in the work of the Union during the past year.

Lubbock seems to be taking care of the delegates to the Convention in grand style. We have heard of none who had to sleep on the pavement or eat their meals in the alleys.

THE RALLS COUNTRY IS PAVING  
A VERY PROMISING FUTURE—  
MANY NEW PEOPLE ARE COMING

Keep your eyes steadfastly on the Southplains, and especially on that fertile section known as the Ralls territory. Development and progress in the past has been so astounding but nothing to be compared to what may be expected in the future.

Never before in the history of our country have such splendid crops been promised, and now that conditions are rapidly becoming normal, our section may be expected to take a step forward that will place it very near the top round on the ladder.

Many new people are now coming in and inquiries for land are becoming numerous. Such being the case we may expect to see land values take another advance in the next few months that will place our soil on a footing with prices now prevailing in the old states, and in the eastern portion of Texas, hence those expecting to secure farm homes here are urged to do so as quickly as possible if they desire to secure advantage of prevailing prices.

If you are not acquainted with our country, we extend you a special invitation to come and look it over the next time you are prospecting, and we feel sure you will seek no further for a desirable home in the West.

**70 Cars of Wheat Have Left Ralls.**  
Up to Monday 70 carloads of wheat had been shipped from Ralls. We think it safe to say that more than one hundred cars will have been shipped before the end of the week.

The great bulk of wheat produced here is yet to be marketed, and before it is all in the capacity of our three large elevators will be required to house it, notwithstanding the rapid manner in which it is being shipped.

We are informed that our buyers will pay \$1 up to the 15th of July, but will make no guarantee of any price after that time.

A survey of our country, and reports from other countries indicate that the 1921 wheat crop will surpass any that has been produced in many years, and as a consequence we expect to see the price decline materially before the first of August.

Farmers are urged to get their wheat on the market as early as possible. The contract for building the addition to our school building was let this week to Mr. Brown, a contractor of Florida.

Mr. Brown arrived in town Thursday and work will be commenced at once and vigorously pushed until the building is completed.

In making this addition about \$34,000 will be expended for building and equipment, and will result in providing our school house with 12 additional class rooms. This should give us ample room for many years to come, and will open the way for affiliation with the State University, something we have long needed, and for lack of which our school heretofore failed to measure up to the high standard desired by our people.

When Ralls High School opens this fall it will occupy a position second to no institution of learning of the kind in this section of the State, and doubtless many new families will move here for the sole purpose of giving advantage of our excellent school to their children.

Be it resolved that we petition the Congress to create a Financial System specifically for agricultural needs, which shall at all times function for agriculture and agriculture only.

**Resolution No. 9  
Liberty Bonds.**

Under present agricultural conditions any rediscunt rate in excess of 5 per cent will be prohibitive, therefore we demand that the Federal Reserve Board fix the rediscunt on agricultural products at a rate not to exceed 5 per cent.

Whereas, our patriotic people of every class strained their financial resources to the breaking point in order to buy Liberty Bonds and thus finance our government and the allied powers in the prosecution of the great world war, and whereas, these bonds were bought in good faith at their par value and actually represent dollar for dollar, and

Whereas, Certain interests have by manipulation reduced their value in order to profit therefrom, and whereas, our government is just as stable as it ever was, no possible reason can exist for this lowering of value, therefore,

Be it resolved, That we petition Congress to enact such legislation as will enable Liberty Bonds to circulate as a medium at par value, legalized for the payment of all debts, public and private.

**State Expense  
Bills are Saved  
By Committee**

Austin, July 10.—Progress was made Saturday by the House and Senate Finance Committees sitting in joint session considering appropriation bills for the operation of the government for the next two fiscal years. The committees adopted the appropriation bill for the support of the judiciary for the next two fiscal years, after having cut \$8,630 therefrom, leaving the total \$2,872,061. This did not include the budget of the Commission of Appeals, the figures for the commission having not as yet been presented to the committee. The small amount cut from the bill was for fixtures, furniture, etc., which the committee did not think absolutely necessary.

The committee cut \$49,480 from the budget of the Board of Control for the next two fiscal years, leaving a total of \$346,180 for the support and maintenance of the board. The cut was mostly on estimates made for printing.

Consideration was given to the budgets of the Deaf and Dumb Institute and State Blind Institute, but definite action was not taken, as the committee is considering a slight reduction in salaries, Chairman Lee Satter White said.

Following a suggestion made by Representative John Davis of Dallas that citizens of Texas be permitted to address the committee, the committee decided that any citizen or delegation having some specific recommendations to make as to how appropriations may be reduced would be welcomed to appear before it. Representative John Davis was so advised. The committee, however, does not care to have the public generally appear before it without having any definite plan in view.

**Resolution No. 8  
Separate Finance**

Whereas, The Federal Reserve Banking Act has in the present crisis been proven entirely inadequate to meet the needs of agriculture, due largely to the fact that the Federal Reserve System as now functioning, operates to the relief of ordinary or short term commercial paper only and is not effective as a stabilizer of long term credit, such as agriculture must necessarily require, therefore,

BLED SOE AND BALDWIN SAY THEY  
WILL TRY TO BLOCK LEGISLATION TO  
CONSOLIDATE AGRICULTURE DEPT.

Senator Bledsoe, in his address to the State Farmers' Union Convention Tuesday afternoon assured those present that he was strictly opposed to the idea the Governor had of merging the various departments of agriculture and pledged his efforts to block any such legislation.

He stated that he supposed the Governor would bring this matter before the special session of the legislature which will convene next week, but was sure that the chief executive would have one lively time of putting any such legislation through, as there were some strong opponents to the idea, who would stand pat and fight it to a finish. He says the Governor has no right to put his pet economy over at the expense of the farmer, and if this merger bill was to pass that is what it would mean.

Senator Bledsoe stated that he was opposed to any useless tax being placed upon the people, but said that the appropriations for maintaining the various state departments and institutions would have to be cared for, and the tax route was the only way in the world that they had to raise the money and he could give them no assurance of the tax rate the coming year, except that he would be in favor of keeping it to the lowest possible amount.

He called attention to the constitutional amendments that will be submitted to the people on the fourth Saturday in this month, as he believed them to be of great importance to the people of the state. The two that he called special attention to was the one asking for the raise in pay for the Governor and Representatives. He is strongly in favor of the amendment, not that he hoped to be benefited by it, as his term of office would expire long before the time that this raise will go into effect even if it should carry, but he believes it will be money saved the people of the state, as it will not cost any more in the long run and he believes that better legislation will result from an increased pay of the legislators. The usual rush of putting a lot of bills through right on the last hour of the session would be avoided, according to his idea and the great expense of called sessions would be avoided, then too, the railroad fare would be reduced to the actual amount, which would mean a considerable saving in mileage, and he believes that the increased pay would attract more of the able men of the state, which in itself would mean closer consideration of the needs of the state. The second amendment that he called special attention to was the one abolishing the present prison system, which according to his statement, is corrupt to the core. Mismanagement is evident on every hand, and he charges a great lot of graft in connection with it. He says there are millionaires in Texas made so by grafting on the penitentiary system of Texas, taking from the men that are imprisoned there things that they should have. He stated that he hoped to see the old system abolished and a new arrangement perfected for the operation of the prisons. He was in favor of moving the South Texas prisons out of that section entirely and placing them in a more central location, and is also in favor of dividing the prisoners up into three classes. The first class those who are familiar with farming, and let them produce food and such like on the farms for the support of the prisoners during their time within the walls, and second to create a factory in which many of the useful things can be made, and sold to the people of the state or elsewhere at reasonable prices to help pay the expenses of that institution, and third, he believes in the honor system. He believes that forty per cent of the prisoners are men who will stick by their word, and could be worked on the roads in the state without guards. He says this is being successfully carried out in the State of Colorado, and he is sure that Colorado has no

better men in the penitentiary or out than Texas has.

**Baldwin Also Promises to Strongly Oppose Such Legislation.**

Representative R. A. Baldwin also pledged his strongest efforts to prevent the passage of any bill that will be detrimental to the farmers interest, and is strongly opposed to the merging of the agricultural departments. He stated that a better marketing system was needed, and that the organization of the farmers was the only means of getting down to this point. The bonded warehouse system came in for his approval, and he believes that this is the only solution to the problem of better prices for farm products. The farmer who has to borrow money to meet his running expenses is not going to make much money, and so long as the farmer does not have any say as to what he shall sell his products for, they cannot hope to make farming pay. With a well organized marketing system, whereby the farmer does not have to take just any price that is offered for his produce, the prices are bound to improve, and the farmers will see better times. The grand rush from the farm to town will stop, and greater production on the farm will result. Mr. Baldwin stated that the Governor was trying to practice economy, but was trying to economize on the wrong things. He agreed with the Governor that a lot of fellows around Austin, who are drawing a salary from the state should be kicked out and their salary used for better and more important causes, but believed that the warehouse department should be maintained. He stated that he had information in his office in Slaton to show that this department had saved the farmers of Crosby County alone the past year in the price of cotton above what they were offered for it on the local market more than pay the cost of operating the Warehouse department.

State Faces Big  
Loss Thru Boll  
Worm, Report Says

Dallas, Texas, July 7.—The State of Texas faces a loss of \$75,000,000 during the next five years, unless the pink boll worm is eradicated, according to Dr. W. B. Hunter, of Houston, member of the Federal horticultural board, here today.

"The average damage to the cotton crop from the pest has been 50 per cent in those localities where it has been found," Dr. Hunter declared.

"The worm will cover the state in five years. A conservative valuation of the annual crop is more than \$150,000,000. This indicates the enormous loss."

A committee has been appointed to deal with the menace and formulate proposed legislation providing remuneration for the farmer who can not grow cotton under the law.

The members of the committee are: Chairman, W. D. Farris, Ennis; J. W. Garrow, Houston; A. P. Borden, Pierce, and Charles M. Fassett, El Paso.

OKLAHOMA MAN  
BOOSTS FOR LUBBOCK

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Marshall and daughter, Miss Lucy Bell, of Duncan, Oklahoma, who passed through Lubbock Monday enroute to Roswell, New Mexico, complimented our city as being an ideal health resort. "All you lack is having a little more paving and advertise your city as a health resort," says Mr. Marshall. "For this is the most wonderful climate I have ever visited." Mr. Marshall also stated that spending a summer night on the Plains, in his estimation, was just as pleasant as it would be in Colorado.

OLD NEWSPAPER MAN IS FOUND  
AMONG THE DELEGATES AT THE  
FARMERS CONVENTION HERE

W. D. Lewis, of Coryell County, one of the oldest exponents of the Farmers' Union doctrine, is here this week in attendance upon the State Farmers' Union Convention, and aside from being a practical farmer he is also a newspaper man of considerable experience. He stated to an Avalanche representative that he, for a number of years published a newspaper and ran a farm both at the same time. Different from the usual way of doing this, he did not live in the city and go out to the farm in his automobile and see after things out there, as is the style now, but he lived on the farm several miles out from town, looking after the affairs of the farm, gave the work his personal attention, and then

drove to town and got at his paper. This was his experience in the newspaper business, and what he has been out of that work for many years, he still has the great sympathy possibly for the newspaper folks, and can have an idea of what they have to contend with in the publication of newspapers. He is one of the oldest of the Farmers' Union and is still very active. He made chairman of the convention reports, by President because of his wide experience. Farmers' Union work, and finally with the crop of the general run of the Union work.